

SOUTH CAROLINA WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING

Issue Workshop

Issue Workshop: Caregiving

Priority Issue Statement:

The National Family Caregiver Support Program does not adequately address the needs of the two target populations: the caregivers taking care of seniors 60 and older, and seniors 60 and older caring for dependent children age 18 and younger.

Barriers:

1. Government/Politics
2. Lack of awareness of caregiving epidemic
3. Funding issues
4. Business and Industry cooperation
5. Adequate support services often not available
6. Inadequate family/caregiver financial resources
7. Unfair distinction in the system between rural and urban areas
8. Lack of awareness of what it is to be a caregiver
9. Lack of uniform national services
10. Lack of coordination and collaboration
11. Caregiver denial/embarrassment/isolation/confidentiality/leads to reluctance to ask for help
12. Age eligibility requirements

Solutions:

1. Increasing the Title III-E funding to meet the growing needs of caregivers;
2. Add additional staff for advocacy (elected officials and public), training and support; and
3. Empowering the caregiver through maintained flexibility and consumer direction.